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1. SUMMARY. MALAYSIAN LOS DELEGATION HEAD PLANNING TO ATTEND
INTERSESSIONAL CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. MFA LOS OFFICER URGENTLY
REQUESTS FINAL DATES FOR US-MALAYSIAN CONSULTATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. EVANSEN MEETING--MFA LOS OFFICER PARAMESWARAN TOLD
POLOFF JAN 13 THAT, ALTHOUGH MALAYSIA HAS NOT ATTENDED PAST
EVANSEN MEETING, THE GOM REALIZES THAT THE ISSUES TO BE
ADDRESSED AT THE PROPOSED INTERSESSIONAL MEETING IN GENEVA
FEB 28-MARCH 11 MAY BE CRUCIAL TO THE CONCLUSION OF AN LOS
TREATY. THEREFORE, GOM LOS DELEGATION CHIEF MINISTER OF
LAW/ATTORNEY GENERAL TAN SRI KADIR, WHO HAS RECEIVED A
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PERSONAL INVITATION, IS PLANNING TO ATTEND SUBJECT TO PRIME
MINISTER HUSSEIN'S APPROVAL WHEN THE PM RETURNS FROM THE
MIDDLE EAST NEXT WEEK. HIS ATTENDANCE IS COMPLICATED,
ACCORDING TO PARAM, BY THE FACT HE IS ALREADY
COMMITTED TO ATTEND THE AFRO-ASIAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING IN BAGHDAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

2. US-MALAYSIA CONSULTATIONS--REMARKING THAT TAN SRI KADIR'S SCHEDULE AND THAT OF OTHER OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH LOS MATTERS IS ALREADY QUITE FULL, PARAM SAID THAT THE GOM NEEDS TO KNOW URGENTLY WHEN EXACTLY US-MALAYSIAN CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD, I.E. FEB 14-15, 15-16, ETC. (76 KUALA LUMPUR 7452). HE NOTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF PETROLEUM AND SHIPPING GROUPS HAD JUST LEFT AFTER CONSULTATIONS ON THE TRIPARTITE MALACCA STRAIT TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME (TSS) AND UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE (UKC) LIMIT. UNSPECIFIED JAPANESE INTERESTS ARE DUE NEXT WEEK FOR TALKS ON THE SAME SUBJECT, THE TRIPARTITE MINISTERIAL MEETING TO APPROVE THE SCHEME MUST BE SCHEDULED BEFORE MAY, THE UK'S LOGAN WILL BE HERE FEB 14-15, AND THERE IS A STRONG LIKELIHOOD LOS DIALOGUES WITH JAPAN AND THE USSR ALSO WILL HAVE TO BE FITTED IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE MONTHS. THUS KEEPING THE WHOLE WEEK FEB 14-19 OPEN IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR TRAN SRI KADIR.

3. TSS AND UKC--PARAM WAS HIS USUAL GUARDED SELF ON THE DETAILS OF THE TSS. HOWEVER, HE DID SAY THAT THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN MENTIONED DURING THE VISIT OF SOVIET DEPUTY FONMIN FIRYUBIN DEC 29-30. DURING MEETING PREVIOUS DAY WITH SINGAPORE POL COUNSELOR KISHORE, POLOFF WAS TOLD THAT AGREED UKC WAS 3.5 METERS AS EXPECTED AND THAT TSS NOW EMBODIED IN DOCUMENT WHICH HE (KISHORE) HAD SEEN.

4. ACTION: TAN SRI KADIR IS A GENIAL SOUL BUT HIS
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FEELINGS CAN BE EASILY HURT (AS THEY WERE WHEN WE INSISTED UPON ADDRESSING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LETTERS ON LOS TO FONMIN RITHAUDDEEN WHO PLAYS NO SUBSTANTIVE ROLE IN LOS POLICY). HE IS LIKELY TO BECOME IRRITATED (AND UNCOOPERATIVE) IF WE DO NOT GIVE HIM THE COURTESY OF SOME SORT OF REPLY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. IF DEFINITE DATES CANNOT BE SET, THEN WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO KADIR FROM AMB LEARSON OR THE SECRETARY ASKING FOR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING.
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